

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION  
AUGUST 5, 2021

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, and Tim Williamson. The purpose of the work session was to discuss projects to be funded by the American Rescue Plan; FY22 Budget planning; bid opening for Scarlett O'Hara Dr. & Tara Dr.; Designate LMIG road projects, road department equipment; amendments to the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance; Middle Flint Council on Aging contract; and set the agenda for the August 9, 2021 regular meeting.

Phil Procter from EMC explained how EMC is installing broadband through Toombs and Montgomery Counties. Montgomery and Toombs County could contribute some of their American Rescue Plan funds to the installation of the broadband.

The Board reviewed the speed traffic study from EMC Engineering and will hold an open house for the public to review.

Recreation Director Kendall Bennamon has the recreation registration packets available and will distribute to the schools.

County Works Director Milton Fountain reported the painting at the recreation facility is complete except for the new fence. Mr. Fountain told the Board another security light needs to be installed behind the senior center. Mr. Fountain is going to have the senior center doors painted and the gutters sealed. Mr. Fountain is going to have the lights at the library changed to LED lights which may reduce the need for as many lights. Mr. Fountain met with the recycling center attendants on August 5, 2021 at 11:00 am to address some concerns regarding the centers. Some of the buildings at the recycling centers have water coming inside the building when it rains. Mr. Fountain is going to have the buildings sealed and he is going to have the safe holes in the floors filled in. He is getting safety shirts for all the recycling center attendants.

Mr. Fountain and County Manager Brandon Braddy met with all the department heads on August 5, 2021 at 12:30 pm to discuss their concerns. MMI Construction will begin repair work on the outside of the Courthouse within the next couple weeks, then begin repair work on the outside of the Courthouse at the end of August.

County Works Director Milton Fountain reviewed quotes on new Alamo tractor head for \$18,238.00; repairing the Alamo hydraulics for \$1,843.84; and a mulcher and hydraulics for the excavator for \$49,065.00. All of this can be paid for from the sale of surplus funds except for about \$25,000.00, which can be financed.

The Board reviewed the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance and will make more amendments to the ordinance.

The Board reviewed the Middle Flint Council contract renewal to provide meals to the senior citizens.

The Board discussed the LMIG projects.

The Board reviewed the bids which were opened on July 22, 2021 from Everette Dykes and Littlefield Construction for the paving of Scarlett O'Hara Drive and Tara Drive.

The Board reviewed the proposed FY22 Budget.

The Board will apply for another tire abatement grant for later this year.

The Board discussed cutting the timber behind the EMS station so a new station can be built.

The work session ended at 8:02 pm.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2021

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by Clarence Thomas, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the July 15, 2021 special called meeting / work session were approved on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the July 19, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the July 30, 2021 work session were approved on a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the July 15, 2021 Executive Session and the July 19, 2021 Executive Session were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearing before the Board was Debbie Evans from the Greater Vidalia Area Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Evans reported on upcoming events including a ribbon cutting on August 19, 2021 at 1:00pm for the Hughston Clinic at 621-B East First Street, Vidalia.

Under Reports, County Manager Brandon Braddy reported for Recreation Director Kendall Bennamon that registration for football, soccer and cheerleading has opened. Some of the light bulbs have been replaced at the walking track and now it is very well lighted.

County Works Director Milton Fountain reported the topic for the July 21, 2021 safety meeting was 'Mower Safety', with 7 employees present. Mr. Fountain asked the Board to consider letting County Manager Braddy create a viewable spreadsheet for the daily work logs. This viewable spreadsheet would be like the work order spreadsheet. The Board agreed they would like this.

The Board reviewed the financial statement and reviewed the proposed FY 2022 Budget.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the consent agenda that included the following:

- Approve the Middle Flint Council on Aging, Inc. contract to provide meals for the Senior Center.
- Approve the purchase of a 2021 FAE DML/HY-125 mulcher head for the John Deere excavator from Flint Equipment for \$49,065.00.
- Approve the purchase of an Alamo Xtreme 60" mower head from Flint Equipment for \$18,238.00.
- Approve repairs on the John Deere/Alamo side arm mower by Flint Equipment for \$6,938.98.

Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Under new Business, after bid opening held on July 22, 2021 at 11:00 am, the board received the following bids for paving portions of Scarlett O'Hara Drive and Tara Drive:

Everett Dykes Grassing  
\$130,590.00

Littlefield Construction  
\$103,728.00

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board agreed to authorize the Chairman to award and execute the contract to Littlefield Construction for \$103,728.00. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board approved the FY22 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) to pave Scarlett O'Hara Drive and Tara Drive and to combine the excess funds with the FY23 LMIG funds to resurface Fire Tower Road. Motion carried unanimously.

EMA Director Donnie Daniels reported there were 19 calls in Montgomery County in July and the COVID cases have risen. The warning siren at Brewton Parker College is completely installed and has been tested. Mr. Daniels informed the Board that small piece of equipment is needed so E911 will have access to the siren. This equipment will cost around \$1,600.00.

Mr. Daniels reported for EMS Director Drew James that there were around 111 calls in Montgomery County in July.

The Board will hold two open house / public hearings on the Speed Ordinance. The first will be held on August 23, 2021 from 10:00 am until 11:30 am and the second will be held on August 30, 2021 from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2021

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 5:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt an agreement to build and operate broadband network with Altamaha EMC. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson.

The Board discussed an agreement to build and operate broadband network with Altamaha EMC. The county would contribute some of the American Rescue Plan funds to this project.

On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board agreed to adopt the agreement and pledge to allocate up to \$1.25 million of the County's American Rescue Plan funds to the project. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
AUGUST 27, 2021

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioner held a special called meeting on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 11:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to set the millage rate for 2021. Members present were Leland Adams. Ginger Morris, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson. Due to COVID restrictions, Commissioner Kenney attended through a telephone conference.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Morris the Board adopted a resolution (Res. No 21-08-01) setting the 2021 millage rate at 14.700 mills for the unincorporated areas of Montgomery County and at 14.700 for the incorporated areas of Montgomery County. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.